1: Allen, W. E. D. A History of the Georgian People. London: Broadway House, 1932.

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Yale: BW51g. 35.

[The author covers Georgian history from the time of The Bronze and Iron Ages through the 19th Century when Russia took control of the country. The book is divided into five major parts. In the first part, the author gives a descriptive background of Georgian geography. The second part deals with the medieval kingdom and the third part with the revolutions within the kingdoms. The fourth part deals with the social structure of the Georgian people and the historical development of its classes. The last section is devoted to an account of ancient and medieval life in this region and the cultural endeavors of its people. An extensive bibliography with supplementary notes has been filed in category 11b, pages 359-393. --Analyst]

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Analyst: Helen M. Marbury

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Field date: none
Analyst: Robert Lee

Evaluation: Ethnologist--4,5
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4: Gugushvili, A. The Georgian Alphabet: Transliteration, Pronunciation, and Classification of Georgian Speech-Sounds. Georgica, Vol. I, No. 1, pp. 126-136. London: The Georgian Historical Society, 1935.

Yale: Bw51g12.1

[This article is a short and concise monograph on the Georgian alphabet. The author devoted most of his space to a description of the phonetic elements in the Georgian alphabet and of the various modes of transliterating Georgian speech-sounds. --Analyst]

Field date: none
Analyst: Robert Lee

Evaluation: Ethnologist--4,5
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5: American Russian Institute. Constitution (Fundamental Law) of the Georgian Soviet Socialist Republic of February 13, 1937, as Amended Through July 24, 1947. New York: American Russian Institute, April, 1950.

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Yale: Osf23. +950c. 7

[This is a translation, without comment, of a Russian text published by the Publishing House "Zarya Vostoka" in Tbilisi in 1947. The Constitution includes provisions for state and local organs of power for the Adzhar and Abkhaz Autonomous Soviet Socialist Republics. Similarities and differences among the various constitutions of the Sixteen Constituent Republics of the USSR are discussed in 70: American Russian Institute, R1 Soviet Union, cat. 116. --Analyst]

Field date: none
Analyst: June Orloff Processed in 1955

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[This doctoral dissertation in anthropology is a comparative and functional treatment of religion, the social system and law-ways among the isolated communities of the Khevsur, Tush and Pshav peoples of northeast and of the Swan in the northwest Georgian highlands. It contains supplementary data on the Abkhaz, Chechen, Imeretians and Mingrel. In part it is a critique of the ethnological search for origins. The author provides good detail on the church, spirit world and hunting magic, on betrothal, marriage ceremonies, and the status of women, on supernatural dangers attending childbirth and infanticide, on property ownership, contract and mutual aid, and on justice, including the blood-feud, wergild, and the ordeal.

6: Grigolia, Alexander.

Since many of his interpretations take Highland Georgian religious beliefs as their point of departure, the author has somewhat predjudiced his case by inserting gratuitous remarks about the Georgian version of Christianity. His study, however, is well-documented, although it is not clear whether he acted as a professional ethnographer at the time he was in the Caucasus, and so there does not emerge a sense of independent checks and controls on the bibliography.

The time period covered is apparently from the 1880's to 1939; sovietization is not mentioned. There is no map.

Field date: no date
Analyst: Robert Karlowich
Fred Adelman

Evaluation: Ethnologist-4, 5
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